News Around Town

By Mrs. Calvin Robinson

This seemed to be good: A chap with a wife addicted to luxury living was preparing to engage in an exchange of confidences with a friend.

"Tell me," he said, "are you able to earn money as fast as your wife can spend it?"

"Yeah," replied the other promptly. "She doesn't bother me. It's that guy Truman I can't keep up with."

—Wall St. Journal

During my stay in New York City the past week-end, I attended Sunday morning church services at the famous Cathedral of St. John the Divine. It is the largest cathedral of gothic architecture in the world, was begun in 1892 and has a seating capacity in the Nave of 7,000. It was worth the trip just to worship in this beautiful church.

In driving around town last evening I noticed that two new residences on Virginia Ave. are nearing completion: the Fred Smith's and the Couch's. By the way, have you noticed the beautiful red roses on the front at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jamerson?

The new Coswell Drive-In movie is nearing completion and I am told that it will have its opening on June 6.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:
Randy McFadden, May 28.

Don't forget the Memorial Service at the Confederate Cemetery and the McLean House at 3:00 P. M. Sunday.

We hear so much about the potato shortage; and there is one: I hear that Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Drinkard have had nice large potatoes from their garden. Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson have canned English peas from one of their several garden spots. As usual, I do not have a garden.

Mrs. Joel W. Flood is recovering in the Virginia Baptist Hospital from an operation which she underwent Monday.

Faye Ellen Conner, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner, underwent an eye operation this morning in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Floyd Mitchell is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, where she will undergo an operation —we wish for all these fine folks a speedy recovery and hope they will soon be home.

I would like to wish a happy birthday to Mrs. Oscar Hall: today is the day. Next week I will begin listing June birthdays. Please keep them coming in. We listed well over 100 birthdays during May.

James H. Lucado and David T. Robertson attended a Lions Club conference in Norfolk last week-end. The conference was held at the Cavalier Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Orman, of Alexandria have announced the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Murrie Orman. Mr. and Mrs. Orman moved to Alexandria from Appomattox.

There was a meeting of the local P.-T. A. Monday night at the school. Final reports for the year were made and newly chosen officers installed.

How Movie Studios Induce Horses to Make Ilke Dead

HOLLYWOOD—The mystery as to how Hollywood studios make horses play dead for battlefield scenes has been solved.

Quoting from professional reports, the American Veterinary Medical Association said that movie horses do get "shot" for such scenes, but veterinarians do the shooting—and with an anesthetic, not bullets.

In such instances, the veterinarian administers drugs to put the animals to sleep for the time it takes to do the filming. The drugs, often used in animal surgery, have no ill effects on the horses.

The same technique is also used for movie cattle which are shown in disaster pictures, or are supposed to be victims of anthrax or deadly diseases.

The AVMA also explained that when wild horses fight, it's really not dangerous at all. That's because their mouths are taped and their hooves are fitted with sponge-rubber.

HISTORIC OFFICE

Fredericksburg, May 28.- The James Monroe Law Office Museum in historic Fredericksburg, Va., is this year celebrating the twenty- fifth anniversary of its opening to the public, the State Commission on Conservation and Development announces. During these years it has been visited by thousands of persons from all over the world, including three President of the United States: Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman - together with their wives. This museum was the first memorial ever established to the fifth President, author of the Monroe Doctrine.

The furnishings of the Law Office and Museum are unique, and, until the establishment of the shrine, had never been out of the Monroe family. They include furniture purchased in both the Old and the New Worlds.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover became interested when she learned that the furniture had been a part of the White House furnishings in the Monroe administration, and, upon verifying the fact from White House inventories, she asked and was granted permission to have certain pieces copied. These copies are now a part of the official furnishings of the White House and Mrs. Truman has carried on her interest by having two wall brackets in the Law Office copied to supplement the rest of the Monroe copies.

DIXIE CAVERNS

SALEM- Dixie Caverns, seven miles west of Salem, will complete a five year program of improvement and expansion this year. The major work has been carried out on the entrance and parking areas, after completely relighting and rebuilding the cavern walkways.

The caverns, first opened to the public thirty years ago, are carrying on constant exploration to discover new parts of the caverns which have three levels. In 1947, James A. Fowler of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, discovered and studied a new type of cave salamander, named after Dixie Caverns since it was found only in these caverns and the nearby caves. Last year a party from the National Speleological Society explored 2,500 feet of the New Dixie Caverns, a part of the cave not open to the public. Another party is expected to extend these explorations this spring and make a thorough study of the cave life—bats, salamanders, millipedes and cave crickets. In addition, two openings at the back of the cave have not been explored and this party will cover them.

In addition to the caverns, the 800 acres of beautiful picnic grounds surrounding are popular with the visitors to the caverns who come from every state in the union and many foreign countries.

Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles training for title bout.

Holliday Lake to open on Friday, May 30.

Senator Russell wins 19 delegates in Florida to 5 for Refauver.

Reds put a travel squeeze on Berlin.

Reds hint that resumption of war likely in Korea.

Plan to lift curb on the use of aviation gas.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Route Three

ROUTE THREE, May 28.- Mrs. Robert Bingham attended the wedding of her sister in Baltimore Saturday.

Pvt. Tucker Ferguson has returned to Camp LeJeune, N. C., after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Waldecker, of Arlington, visited relatives here for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd McFadden and Dorothy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McFadden on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. O'Brien spent the week-end in Lynchburg with relatives.

Mrs. Flora McCloud is visiting her sons in Newport News this week.

H. A. Torrence and Abbott Coleman spent Friday in Petersburg.

Mrs. H. A. Torrence, John Torrence and Helen Coleman spent Friday with Mrs. John Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mitchell and family, Mrs. C. M. Harvey, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, of Glasgow were luncheon guests Sunday of Mrs. H. A. Torrence. Mr. and Mrs. John Governor visited them in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ossie Ferguson is with Mrs. R. W. Morris this week. Mrs. Morris spent last week in Lynchburg with her children.

Kitty Lou and Susan Nell O'Brien spent the week-end with Miss Claudine O'Brien.

Mrs. Mildred Alvis and Patricia spent the week-end in Stuart, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Ragland and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ragland were afternoon guests of Mrs. J. D. Harris Sunday.

Mrs. Mittie Carter, Herbert Ferguson and Ellen Carter are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. D. Patterson visited Mrs. R. W. Morris Monday night.

Mrs. G. L. Furr, Mary Catherine and Litt Furr, Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, of Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carter, Bessie and Charles Carter visited Mrs. Bessie Ferguson at "Bessarabia" Sunday afternoon.

COMMUNITY NIGHTS

Williamsburg, Va., May 28.- Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs Junior again will join with the Jamestown Corporation in sponsoring Community Nights during the nine week season of The Common Glory which opens July 1 in Williamsburg, according to an announcement by Mrs. H. W. Carson, Jr., of Pulaski, junior vice-president of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Individual clubs are making plans to sponsor the community nights during the season of 54 performances planned for the sixth year of Paul Green's symphonic drama.

Arrangements for advance ticket sales and press notices will be planned by the Junior Woman's Clubs in an effort to help Virginians and all Americans recapture the spirit, principles and ideals of the founders of our country.

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European corn borer, a ...e insect now known to be ...ginia counties, continues to ...eports A. M. Woodside, ...entomologist at VPI Agri...periment Station.

...the borer exists in some ...r 31 counties in Virginia ...said. However, no syste... has been made.

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HARD WATER vs SOFT FOR DAIRY CATTLE STUDIED AT VPI

Is there any advantage in providing soft water for lactating dairy cows?

A recently completed 112-dad test at VPI Experiment Station indicates that the answer is "no."

Dr. G. C. Graf, dairy researcher at the Station, says the question has been discussed pro and con for a long time, but on the basis of observations, not experimental evidence. The VPI test is believed to be the first of its kind.

In the test, 12 lactating cows were selected and grouped according to age, size, milk production, and stage of lactation. The two groups were fed alike, and each cow received alfalfa hay, corn silage and grain. The only difference in the rations of the two groups was in the kind of water consumed.

One group received water as it was pumped from the wells on the campus. The other group received water from the same source which was softened by the zeolite process in which the calcium and magnesium were removed, and sodium added in their place.

The "hard" water was somewhat "harder" than the average housewife wishes for washing clothes and dishes. After the water passed through the zeolite process practically no hardness was present.

During the 112-day test the average daily feed consumption was 10 pounds of alfalfa hay, 30 pounds of corn silage, and 12 pounds of grain per cow. The cows on "hard" water produced 33 pounds of milk and consumed 97.1 pounds of water daily. The cows on "soft" water produced 33.2 pounds of milk daily, and consumed exactly the same amount of water. There was a slight difference in the rate of gain in body weight per day between the two groups, but not a significant difference. It could have been due to chance, Dr. Graf said.

He concluded: "The results indicate that for the factors studied, and when the water is no 'harder' than that used in the test, there is no need of softening the water used for lactating cows."

To build a five-room frame house you will need the lumber from 50 to 60 trees ranging from 14 to 20 inches in diameter.

More than 1,000,000 cords of pulp wood were cut in Virginia last year. At $14 per cord that is $14,000,000.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET POPULAR

The livestock auction market is the most popular outlet for livestock sales in Virginia, according to recently compiled results of a survey of some 7,000 farms in 47 Virginia counties.

J. D. Johnson, agricultural economist at the VPI Agricultural Experiment Station, says further about 80 percent of the farmers selling livestock through auction markets live within 30 miles of the auction.

Many farmers, the study also showed, were relying on the buyer to transport their livestock in 1950. About 33 percent of the cattle, 23 percent of the calves, 39 percent of the hogs and 16 percent of the lambs were moved from the farm in the buyer's truck. The livestock producer selling only a few animals for slaughter puposes tends to depend more on the buyer's mode of transportation than does the large producer.

About one-third of the slaughter cattle and calves sold by Virginia farmers in 1950 were classed as dairy type animals. Nearly one-fourth of all cattle and calves were less than six months old when sold. However, the largest percentage of slaughtre cattle were sold when two years old or older. Only eight percent of the beef-type animals were sold when less than six months old, whereas 42 percent of the mixed-type and 55 percent of the dairy-type were less than six months old when sold.

Farmers reported very little grain finishing of slaughter cattle or lambs. Slightly over 88 percent of the slaughter cattle, and 93 percent of the lambs were finished on grass.

About 63 percent of the slaughter hogs were sold when they were between five and 12 months of age at average weights of 205 pounds. (Johnson notes that these lighter are recommended, and have proved more profitable.)

About 63 percent of Virginia's lambs were sold when less than six months old, at an average weight of 85 pounds.

Most of the slaughter cattle sold in Virginia were sold by farmers reporting sales of ten or more in 1950. About 314 of the slaughter cattle were sold by one-fourth of the farmers reporting.

The same general pattern, though not as pronounced, existed with respect to veal calves and stockers and feeders.

Almost half the forest fires in Virginia are caused by careless smokers. Be sure your match or cigarette is out before dropping it.

DISTRICT TRACTOR OPERATOR CONTESTS PLANNED IN JUNE

Youthful tractor operators will vie for district honors in the 4-H contests scheduled in June.

W. A. Turner, associate state 4-H club agent at VPI, says top operators from the district contests then will compete for state awards at the state 4-H tractor operator's contest at VPI, Wednesday, June 25, which is being held as a part of the State 4-H Club Short Course.

The district contests are scheduled: June 5 in Pulaski; June 5 in Petersburg; June 6 in Luray; and June 11 in Lynchburg.

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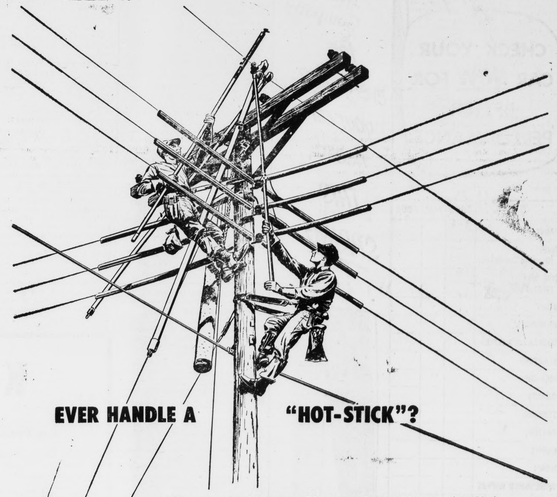
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